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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1041

By Davidson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Director Jackie Wilkerson and the members of the Robertson County Emergency Medical Service for heroism.

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2001, a Greyhound bus, traveling on its regular route from St. Louis to Nashville veered off the road into the median on I-24 at Pleasant View; and

WHEREAS, the bus made a sudden turn back on to the road, turned over on the pavement and skidded approximately 200 feet, rolling over several times until it came to rest on the embankment at the Highway 49 overpass; and

WHEREAS, one person died in the accident, while nine passengers were transported by helicopter to Vanderbilt Hospital, and thirty-three persons were taken by ambulance to eight area hospitals; and

WHEREAS, fortunately, the Robertson County Emergency Medical Service, under the able guidance of Director Jackie Wilkerson, was on the scene within minutes of the wreck and, as a result of their efficient and professional response, every patient involved in the traumatic event had been treated and released or sent to an area hospital within an hour and one-half of the accident; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Robertson County Emergency Medical Service include: Larry Wilson, James Wright, Don Horton, Michele Robey, Tony Bland, Teri Rybarczyk, Julie Rawls, and Brian McAfee; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we specially recognize and commend this group of competent, dedicated men and women for their courage and efficiency under fire; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Director Jackie Wilkerson and the members of the Robertson County Emergency Medical Service for their exemplary service following the Greyhound Bus accident of August 19, 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest appreciation to the members of the Robertson County Emergency Medical Service, not only for their efforts on August 19, 2001, but for the adroit service they provide each and every day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.